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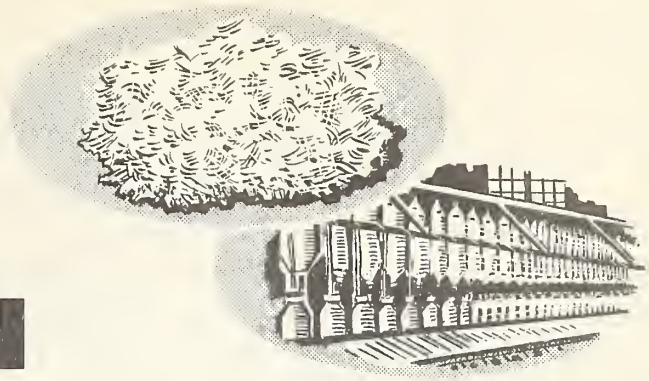

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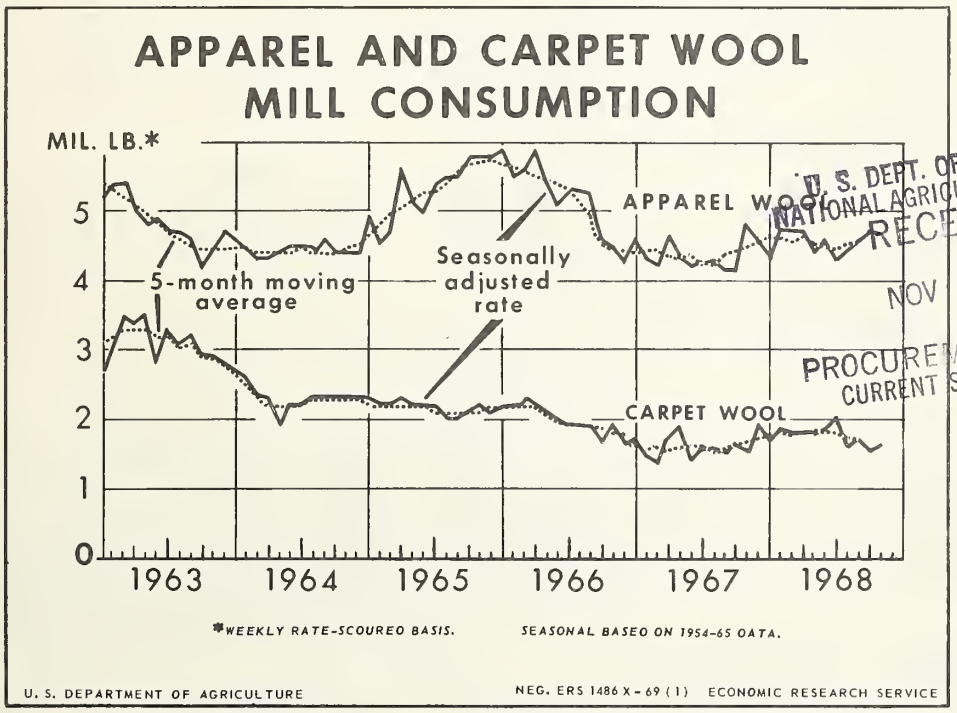

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Wool Situation at a Glance

Item	Unit	1967 Nov.	1967 Dec.	1968 Jan.	1968 Nov.	1968 Dec.	1969 Jan.
Average price received by farmers, grease basis	Ct. per lb.	38.2	35.6	39.0	40.7	40.3	39.8
Parity price 1/	Ct. per lb.	87.0	87.3	86.8	90.1	90.4	91.1
Farm price as a percentage of parity	Percent	44	41	45	45	45	44
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1910-14=100	215	200	219	229	226	224
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1957-59=100	88	84	89	93	92	91
Domestic prices, Boston, clean basis 2/							
Graded territory							
Fine, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	117.7	116.5	116.5	124.5	124.5	124.5
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	107.1	105.5	105.5	112.0	112.0	112.0
Graded fleece							
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	82.5	83.5	82.5	88.0	88.0	88.0
1/4 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	80.5	80.5	80.5	86.0	86.0	86.0
Original bag Texas, fine 12 months							
good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	124.5	122.5	120.3	126.0	126.0	126.0
Imported prices, Boston, clean, excluding duty 2/							
Australian, 64's 70's, good topmaking	Ct. per lb.	112.5	116.2	117.5	119.5	119.5	119.5
Australian, 64's combing	Ct. per lb.	107.5	111.2	112.5	114.5	114.5	114.5
Montevideo, 0's (58's, 60's)	Ct. per lb.	80.1	79.0	79.0	83.5	83.5	83.5
Montevideo, 2's (50's)	Ct. per lb.	67.3	61.5	61.5	64.5	64.5	64.5
Buenos Aires, 5's (40's)	Ct. per lb.	46.0	46.0	46.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
BLS Wholesale price index 3/							
All commodities	1957-59=100	106.2	106.8	107.2	109.6	109.8	---
Textile products and apparel	1957-59=100	103.0	103.8	104.3	107.2	107.1	---
Wool products	1957-59=100	102.2	102.2	102.3	104.6	104.6	---
Wool broadwoven fabrics	1957-59=100	107.0	107.0	107.0	108.5	108.6	---
Personal income payments (adjusted) 4/	Bil. dol.	644.9	652.6	654.9	708.0	713.4	---
Retail store sales (apparel group adjusted) 4/	Mil. dol.	1,517	1,473	1,530	---	---	---
Mill consumption, scoured basis 5/							
Average weekly rate (unadjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	4,383	4,048	4,535	4,237	---	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	1,699	1,822	1,797	1,779	---	---
Average weekly rate (seasonally adjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	4,859	4,653	4,360	4,697	---	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	1,562	1,942	1,716	1,632	---	---
Monthly aggregates 6/							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	17.5	20.2	22.7	16.9	---	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	6.8	9.1	9.0	7.1	---	---
Accumulated since January 1							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	208.4	228.7	22.7	221.9	---	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	74.7	83.9	9.0	84.7	---	---
Total apparel and carpet	Mil. lb.	283.1	312.6	31.7	306.6	---	---
Imports for consumption, clean content							
Monthly aggregates							
Dutiable wools	1,000 lb.	8,276	9,684	11,665	7,395	10,434	---
Duty-free wools	1,000 lb.	8,661	9,307	12,345	9,020	7,645	
Accumulated since January 1							
Dutiable wools	Mil. lb.	99.4	109.1	11.7	119.4	129.8	---
Duty-free wools	Mil. lb.	68.9	78.2	12.3	112.0	119.6	---
Total dutiable and duty-free	Mil. lb.	168.3	187.3	24.0	231.3	249.4	---
Man-made staple and tow prices							
Acrilan 3 denier 7/	Ct. per lb.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Dacron, 3 denier, type 54 7/	Ct. per lb.	58.0	58.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
Orlon, 3 denier, 7/	Ct. per lb.	106.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0
Viscose, 1 1/2 denier 8/	Ct. per lb.	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	---	---

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market. 3/ United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 4/ United States Department of Commerce (seasonally adjusted annual rates). 5/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products. 6/ 4 or 5 weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter. 7/ From Modern Textile Magazine. 8/ From Textile Organon.

THE WOOL SITUATION

Approved by the Outlook and Situation Board, February 13, 1969

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SUMMARY*

Prices received by U.S. growers for shorn wool in 1969 are expected to average a little above the 40 cents a pound, grease basis, indicated for 1968. Boston prices of domestic wools this January were running 5 to 10 percent above January 1968, largely because of improved prices in world markets. World wool prices likely will continue steady to slightly stronger this spring, and possibly summer; this should lend support to domestic wool prices well into the main U.S. selling season. A further decline in U.S. wool production and slightly larger consumption will also aid domestic wool prices this year.

U.S. production of wool in 1969 will be down moderately from the 176 million pounds, grease basis, estimated for 1968. Sheep numbers declined again last year. On January 1, 1969, the inventory of stock sheep and lambs on U.S. farms and ranches was 18.2 million head, 5 percent less than a year earlier--continuing the decline of the past several years.

Increased consumer incomes and continued low raw wool prices last year aided a recovery in domestic apparel wool consumption per capita. Wool use was larger despite higher wool textile prices and increased use of man-made fibers. Per capita use of apparel wool in 1968, however, was still slightly below the 1958-67 average.

Mill consumption of apparel wool in January-November 1968 totaled 6 percent more than a year earlier. For the year, almost 240 million pounds, scoured basis, was expected. Some further increase is in prospect this year. In addition to stepped-up consumer demand, and little rise in raw wool prices, mill stocks of wool fabric in relation to orders are relatively low.

U.S. recovery in apparel wool industry activity last year was largely confined to the worsted sector. Raw wool use in the first 11 months rose 13 percent in top making, but declined 4 percent for woolen yarns. Production of finished worsted wool fabric in the first 3 quarters of last year was 20 percent above a year earlier, but output of woolen fabric was up only 3 percent.

*The summary of this report was released on February 13, 1969.

Imports of apparel class semiprocessed and manufactured wool textiles expanded 20 percent in 1968, as wool industry activity rose and wool textile prices in the United States were higher than in 1967. U.S. exports of wool products remained small.

Imports of dutiable raw wool last year totaled 130 million pounds, clean content, 19 percent more than in 1967. With some further increase in mill use, and declining U.S. production, imports of raw wool for apparel use probably will run even larger this year.

Mill use of carpet wool in the United States in January-November 1968 was 13 percent above a year earlier. A general strengthening in demand for carpets and reduced prices for raw carpet wool stimulated the increase in wool use. But despite this rise, wool's share of total fiber use for carpets declined, as use of man-made fibers was 31 percent larger than a year earlier. Demand for carpets probably will continue strong this year, and large world wool supplies may hold raw wool prices down, resulting in some further recovery in mill use.

Duty-free raw wool imports (mostly carpet wool) amounted to 120 million pounds, clean content, in 1968. This was 53 percent above a year earlier, and was greatly in excess of carpet wool consumption. Accordingly, stocks of these wools appear to have risen, and imports of duty-free wool in coming months may run smaller.

World production of wool is expected to be record large for the third straight season, rising some 1 to 2 percent above 1967/68. Australia's production may increase about 6 percent, and New Zealand reports a slightly larger clip. But production in Argentina and Uruguay is smaller.

By last fall, free stocks of wool in the 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere were relatively small. But New Zealand Wool Commission stocks of 1966/67 medium and coarse crossbred wools continued large. Added to world production, these stocks brought world 1968/69 supplies to about the same volume as a year earlier.

Wool processing industries in major manufacturing countries last year staged a widespread recovery from the depressed levels of 1967. During January-September, mill use of raw wool was up 4 percent; production of wool top, yarn, and fabric rose 3 to 6 percent; and world trade in wool textiles ranged from 10 to nearly 20 percent larger than a year earlier.

World wool consumption for all of last year, though some 4 or 5 percent above 1967, was still short of production. Nevertheless, increased purchases and use of raw wool by major consuming countries resulted in firmer prices last year.

Prospects for world wool prices in 1969 center on mill use of wool. Man-made fibers will continue making inroads. But stocks of wool textiles in the United States and most other countries are relatively low, despite increased output of wool textiles. Demand for wool products is increasing, and as yet raw wool prices are not much higher than last year. These conditions probably will lead to a further increase in world mill use of wool in the next several months. But because of relatively large raw wool supplies, any price rise is likely to be moderate. Also, quarterly wool consumption in major manufacturing countries may reach a cyclical peak by the second half of 1969; thereafter, mill use of wool likely will decline and prices weaken.

THE U.S. WOOL SITUATION

DOMESTIC WOOL PRICES ABOVE LAST YEAR

Prices of U.S. shorn wool in 1968 averaged stronger as the season progressed. And by January 1969, Boston prices of graded territory and fleece wools, and original bag Texas wools were 5 to 10 percent above January 1968. (See Statistical Summary, Part 1-Domestic wool prices.) Some recovery in world markets--due to larger world wool consumption--also occurred during the last 12 months, raising the prices of wools imported into the United States. Declining U.S. wool production and increased wool consumption further aided the firmness in domestic wool prices last year.

U.S. shorn wool prices in the first several months of 1969 likely will continue above year-earlier levels. Consumption of wool in the United States and in other countries may increase further this spring, since wool textile

stocks are relatively low, and wool textile output is increasing. But these forces may lead to a cyclical peak in wool use, in which case reduced mill requirements for raw wool and some decline in prices would follow. This likely will occur by next fall.

Estimated monthly prices received by U.S. growers for shorn wool in 1968 indicate an annual average price of around 40 cents a pound, grease basis, about the same as in 1967. (See table 1.) Prices in early 1968 were below early 1967, then were about the same as a year earlier during the main selling months, March through July, then closed the year above. The final U.S. average price for shorn wool marketed by growers in 1968, based on grower's applications for Wool Act payments, will be announced on March 31, 1969. Prices to growers for shorn wool this year likely will average a little above 1968 levels.

Table 1.--Average price per pound, grease basis, received by farmers for shorn wool, U.S., by months, 1965-69

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968 1/	1969 1/
			Cents		
Jan.	45.0	47.7	40.6	39.0	39.8
Feb.	45.9	50.2	40.4	37.0	
Mar.	46.3	53.1	40.6	37.9	
Apr.	46.9	54.0	39.4	39.8	
May	47.3	53.3	40.1	41.2	
June	48.8	54.0	42.1	41.6	
July	47.3	51.3	41.4	40.9	
Aug.	46.8	49.0	40.5	40.6	
Sept.	45.9	47.4	38.2	40.2	
Oct.	45.6	42.4	38.9	40.5	
Nov.	46.0	43.0	38.2	40.7	
Dec.	46.8	43.1	35.6	40.3	
Weighted season average	47.1	52.1	39.8		

1/ Preliminary.
Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

In January 1969, Boston prices of graded territory shorn wool, 64's and finer, good French combing and staple, averaged 7 percent above January 1968, and prices of 56's/58's territory wool were about 10 percent higher, with little change in price differentials among grades of most territory wools during the year. Prices of graded fleece wools averaged 7 percent higher this January.

U.S. WOOL CLIP AND SHEEP NUMBERS DECLINE

Production of shorn wool in the United States in 1969 will total moderately less than the 176 million pounds, grease basis, estimated for 1968 due to fewer sheep. The January 1, 1969, inventory of stock sheep and lambs on U.S. farms and ranches was 18.2 million head, down 5 percent from last year. Inventories of all classes of stock sheep declined. (See table 2.)

The 11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota reported having 13.4 million head of stock sheep at the beginning of this year, and the Native States, 4.8 million. Declines in sheep numbers were 5 percent in both areas.

The total value of stock sheep and lambs on U.S. farms and ranches this January was $400 million. This was an increase of 9 percent from a year ago, despite the decline in number of sheep. The value per head rose rather sharply from $19.20 on January 1, 1968, to $22.00 this year, indicating a tightening supply situation for breeding stock.

MILL USE OF RAW APPAREL WOOL LARGER IN 1968

Mill consumption of raw apparel wool in the United States during January-November 1968 totaled 222 million pounds, scoured basis, 6 percent more than a year earlier. (See table 3.) For the year, the total probably came to nearly 240 million pounds compared with 229 million pounds in 1967. A decline in wool apparel fabric stocks, compared with unfilled orders for fabric early last year, aided the rise in mill use of raw wool. Reduced prices of raw wool used last year also helped. But competition from man-made fibers increased, and production of Government-ordered wool fabric declined.

A sharp rise in incomes fueled stronger consumer demand for apparel wool last year. Domestic consumption (mill use plus net textile imports) of apparel wool per capita in 1967 had declined to a relatively low 1.67 pounds. It increased to about 1.83 pounds in 1968. And this was 10 percent more consumption, despite higher wool textile prices. However, the 1968 per capita use of apparel wool was

Table 2.--Number of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches, by class, United States, January 1, 1958 to date

Year	Lambs		One year and over			Total stock sheep
	Ewes	Rams and wethers	Ewes	Rams	Wethers	
	1,000 head					
Average						
1958-62	4,200	747	21,779	894	212	27,833
1963-67	3,035	715	17,864	721	173	22,507
1958	4,289	625	21,208	864	181	27,167
1959	4,549	647	21,832	893	187	28,108
1960	4,562	721	22,406	927	233	28,849
1961 1/	4,079	887	22,199	918	237	28,320
1962	3,520	855	21,252	868	224	26,719
1963	3,319	762	20,028	808	205	25,122
1964	3,089	714	18,723	754	175	23,455
1965	2,801	650	17,502	722	168	21,843
1966	3,010	760	16,850	675	161	21,456
1967	2,957	687	16,218	645	154	20,661
1968	2,549	568	15,282	589	117	19,105
1969 2/	2,421	495	14,595	557	116	18,184

1/ Estimates for Alaska included in totals beginning with 1961.
2/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

still slightly below the 1958-67 average of 1.90 pounds, indicating further opportunity for increasing wool consumption. The rise in domestic demand for wool in 1968, even though partly fulfilled by textile imports, aided the increase in mill consumption.

A further increase in consumer incomes and only relatively small changes in raw wool prices are in prospect this year. Accordingly, some further gain in wool consumption is likely. Wool fabric stocks, compared with unfilled orders for fabric, have been fairly stable at moderately low levels. (See table 10.)

Mill use of raw wool grading 60's and finer in January-November 1968 accounted for a slightly larger share of total wool use than in the same period of 1967. A decline in use of these finer wools on the worsted system was more than offset by increased use on the woolen system. Wool grading coarser than 60's accounted for a slightly smaller share of total wool use in 1968. (See table 4.)

Table 3.--U.S. mill consumption of raw wool, scoured basis, January-November 1959 to date

Year	Apparel wool	Carpet wool	Total
	1,000 pounds		
1959	244,122	154,365	398,487
1960	228,791	150,470	379,261
1961	242,941	137,031	379,972
1962	260,701	137,790	398,491
1963	234,642	149,752	384,394
1964	214,561	111,908	326,469
1965	249,082	102,205	351,287
1966	247,698	95,829	343,527
1967	208,420	74,743	283,163
1968 1/	221,941	84,667	306,608

1/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 4.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool consumption, by system and grades, January-November 1964 to date

Year	60's and finer	50's up to 60's	48's and coarser	Total
	Percent			
	Woolen system			
1964	42.0	48.3	9.7	100.0
1965	40.8	51.5	7.7	100.0
1966	36.2	56.2	7.6	100.0
1967	34.5	58.2	7.3	100.0
1968	36.3	55.6	8.1	100.0
	Worsted system			
1964	52.4	41.0	6.6	100.0
1965	58.9	1/	1/	100.0
1966	59.9	40.1		100.0
1967	58.7	41.3		100.0
1968	57.6	42.4		100.0
	Total			
1964	48.3	43.9	7.8	100.0
1965	52.2	1/	1/	100.0
1966	51.3	48.7		100.0
1967	49.2	50.8		100.0
1968	50.1	49.9		100.0

1/ Not available.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Raw wool consumption on the worsted system in the first 11 months of 1968 rose 13 percent above a year earlier. Wool top output amounted to 133 million pounds, up 16 million. (See table 11.) Man-made fiber tow converted to top without combing was up 26 percent.

Total fiber use on the woolen system for apparel yarns during January-November 1968 totaled 269 million pounds, 2 percent more than a year earlier. This increase is attributed to a 12 percent rise in man-made fiber consumption. Raw wool use declined 4 percent, and consumption of reused and reprocessed wool was 3 percent below a year earlier.

WOOL FABRIC STOCKS AND UNFILLED ORDERS

Weaving mill stocks and unfilled orders for finished wool apparel fabric remained relatively stable from late 1967 to late 1968. November 1968 stocks of finished wool fabric were about 4 percent above a year earlier, but unfilled orders for wool fabric were about the same. (See table 12.) The ratio of inventories of fabric to unfilled orders for fabric declined in the fall of 1967 and continued reduced until late in 1968. This improved mill stock position on fabric contributed to the increase in mill use of raw wool last year.

Table 5 shows that the stock/unfilled orders ratio for finished wool apparel fabric increased slightly during October and November 1968, after having eased slightly in the summer months. However, most of this rise probably was due to seasonal factors, indicating little change in the influence of the ratio on mill use of raw wool. In contrast to the slightly larger relative stock position of finished fabric, gray wool fabric stocks at the end of November 1968 were 3 percent below a year earlier.

Table 5.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Ratio of inventories to unfilled orders, by months, 1964 to date

Month	Inventories as a percentage of unfilled orders				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	Percent				
Jan.	35	21	17	37	26
Feb.	37	21	19	35	27
Mar.	39	22	20	37	28
Apr.	36	22	25	36	28
May	35	21	23	36	26
June	33	19	23	33	24
July	29	21	24	29	22
Aug.	39	19	24	29	22
Sept.	27	18	27	28	22
Oct.	22	17	26	27	24
Nov.	21	20	29	25	27
Dec.	20	17	31	25	

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Stocks of finished woolen fabric were smaller at the end of November 1968, but those of worsted and wool-blend (chiefly polyester) fabric were larger. Unfilled orders for finished woolen and wool-blend fabric were below a year earlier. Worsted fabric unfilled orders were slightly larger. (See table 12.)

BROADWOVEN WOOL FABRIC OUTPUT LARGER

U.S. production of all broadwoven fabric (wool, cotton, and man-made fiber), after declining in 1967, was starting to recover in 1968. Production in the first three quarters of last year, at 9.7 billion linear yards, was up about 3 percent. An increase of 4 percent in wool fabric output and 27 percent in man-made fiber goods contrasted with a 9 percent decrease in cotton goods production. (See table 6.)

Table 6.--Production of woolen and worsted fabric and cotton and man-made fiber broadwoven goods, U.S., annual 1963-67, by quarters, 1966 to date

Year and quarter	Woolen and worsted	Cotton 1/	Man-made 1/	
			Rayon and acetate	Non-cellulosic
	Million linear yards			
1963	284.4	8,759.3	1,714.1	1,287.6
1964	255.2	8,966.1	3,515.5	
1965	267.3	9,237.8	3,899.2	
1966	264.9	8,839.9	4,209.9	
1967	238.6	8,278.1	4,214.5	
1966				
Jan.-Mar.	74.5	2,294.1	1,103.8	
Apr.-June	74.2	2,289.1	1,093.0	
July-Sept.	61.8	2,082.9	1,002.7	
Oct.-Dec.	54.4	2,173.8	1,010.5	
1967				
Jan.-Mar.	61.7	2,220.6	1,014.6	
Apr.-June	66.0	2,130.1	1,035.4	
July-Sept.	53.2	1,896.3	995.1	
Oct.-Dec.	57.8	2,031.2	1,169.3	
1968 2/				
Jan.-Mar.	62.0	2,034.8	1,278.8	
Apr.-June	68.8	1,933.9	1,306.2	
July-Sept.	57.0	1,709.2	1,268.9	

1/ Excluding tire fabric.

2/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Finished wool fabric output for apparel in January-September 1968 totaled 182 million linear yards, 6 percent more than a year earlier. Production for nongovernment orders rose. Output of Government-ordered fabric was curtailed. Wool blanket production fell two-thirds below a year earlier, but output of other nonapparel wool fabric was up 53 percent. Woven felt production was down 7 percent. (See table 13.)

Production of men's and boys' wool fabric in January-September was a third larger than a year earlier. Output of woolen and worsted constructions for men's and boys' wear made about the same percentage increases. Production of women's and children's wool fabric--mostly woolen construction--declined 3 percent below a year earlier. Total output of finished worsted wool fabric rose 20 percent. Woolen goods production was up about 3 percent.

Fabric deliveries to military forces last year were sharply reduced. During the first 11 months, deliveries of all-wool fabric amounted to about 9 million square yards. The wool content of these fabrics was a little under 6 million pounds. The 1967 total was 21 million pounds. (See tables 14 and 15.)

U.S. PRODUCTION OF WOOL SALES YARN SHOWS SLIGHT RECOVERY

Production of wool yarn for sale to the knitting industry in the first 11 months of 1968 made only a nominal 2 percent increase over a year earlier. This indicates that recovery in the knitting trades lagged somewhat behind the broadwoven sector. Output of these wool yarns had declined sharply in 1967 and continued relatively low throughout 1968. Wool yarn production, for sale to other firms for weaving of apparel fabric in 1968 increased slightly, and output for carpets and rugs was somewhat larger.

U.S. IMPORTS OF WOOL TEXTILES UP SHARPLY

Imports of semiprocessed and manufactured wool textiles in 1968 rose about 20 percent above 1967 as U.S. consumption of wool products increased and wool textile prices in the United States during 1968 were higher than in 1967. Imports of these products for the year totaled 146 million pounds, raw wool content. Exports at about 9 million pounds were slightly smaller than in 1967. (See tables 16 and 17.)

Apparel wool textile imports during 1968 totaled 95 million pounds, 29 percent more than in 1967. Woven fabric and apparel are the largest import items included and imports of these were a third larger last year. Imports of

wool tops in 1968 were 14 percent larger than in 1967. Imports of wool yarns rose 12 percent.

Imports of wool noils in 1968 amounted to 27 million pounds, 7 percent less than a year earlier. Wool waste imports in 1968 increased 35 percent from 1967, and totaled 15 million pounds. Imports of wool carpets were up 14 percent.

1968 DUTIABLE RAW WOOL IMPORTS UP 19 PERCENT

U.S. imports of dutiable raw wool in 1968 totaled 130 million pounds, clean content. (See table 7.) This was an increase of 19 percent over 1967. Mill use of raw wool in the United States rose during 1968, and domestic production declined. With similar factors continuing this year, further gains in imports are likely.

Table 7.--Imports of duitable and duty-free wool for consumption into the United States, clean content, 1958 to date

Year	Dutiable	Duty-free	Total
	1,000 pounds		
Average 1958-62	91,592	153,786	245,378
1958	67,081	122,587	189,668
1959	100,517	191,642	292,159
1960	74,266	153,904	228,170
1961	90,318	157,335	247,653
1962	125,780	143,460	269,240
1963	109,196	167,962	277,158
1964	98,415	113,932	212,347
1965	162,637	108,943	271,580
1966	162,537	114,625	277,162
1967	109,071	78,205	187,276
1968 1/	129,787	119,626	249,413

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Wools grading 56's and finer continued to account for the bulk of U.S. dutiable imports--about 71 percent of total imports in 1968. This was the same as in 1967, but slightly less than in 1965 and 1966. Imports of dutiable wool grading 46's to 56's accounted for nearly 18 percent of total imports in 1968. These grades of wool increased their share during the past 2 years, as imports of the finer wools were relatively smaller. (See table 8.)

Table 8.--Quality composition of dutiable and duty-free imports, 1965 to date

Grade	1965	1966	1967	1968 1/
	Percent			
	Dutiable			
56's and finer	73.3	72.4	70.6	70.5
46's to 56's	15.0	13.0	18.2	17.6
40's to 46's	3.9	5.9	3.5	3.5
Not finer than 40's	7.8	8.7	7.7	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Duty-free			
44's to 46's	12.6	13.3	11.8	12.9
40's to 44's	23.1	33.5	34.9	31.4
Not finer than 40's	43.2	35.1	38.3	42.9
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	21.1	18.1	15.0	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

About 94 percent of 1968 dutiable raw wool imports came from the 5 surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere. Imports from Argentina in 1968 were about the same as a year earlier, but those from other countries were larger. The distribution of imports by country of origin shifted rather moderately, as Uruguay regained its earlier position of major supplier. Following are 1968 shares of total U.S. dutiable imports by origin, with 1967 figures in parentheses: Uruguay, 11 percent (5); New Zealand, 18 percent (17); South Africa, 13 percent (14); Australia, 45 percent (50); and Argentina, 7 percent (8).

MILL USE OF CARPET WOOL LARGER IN 1968

During January-November 1968, mill use of raw wool for carpets totaled about 13 percent above a year earlier. (See table 3.) Wool consumption for the year probably amounted to a little over 90 million pounds, scoured basis, compared with 84 million pounds in 1967.

But included in the general expansion of carpet fiber use was a 31 percent rise in the consumption of man-made fibers. Total fiber use on the woolen system for carpet yarns in the first 11 months of last year rose 23 percent above a year earlier, as demand for carpets in both commercial and residential uses continued to increase. (See table 11.)

The weekly rate of wool use was increasing through mid-1968, reflecting declines in prices of raw carpet wool. However, a small decline in weekly wool use occurred in late 1968 when wool prices were strengthening.

Wool use in carpets during 1969 will depend largely on price trends of raw fibers, as production of all carpets probably will increase. Competition from man-made fibers is strong. But the relatively large world supplies of carpet wool will likely keep wool prices closely competitive with other fibers. Under the pressure of heavy sales of raw carpet wool, prices probably will ease slightly and some further rise in wool consumption likely will develop this year.

DUTY-FREE RAW WOOL IMPORTS UP 53 PERCENT

Imports of duty-free raw wool last year totaled 120 million pounds, clean content. This was 41 million pounds, or 53 percent, more than in 1967. (See table 7.) Carpet wool use increased. But there also was an apparent sharp increase in stocks of raw wool. With some increase in consumption anticipated during 1969, imports of raw wool would generally rise. But stocks currently are large and this may result in smaller imports in coming months.

Graded wools accounted for a larger share of total imports in 1968; the share of the named unimproved wools of the Middle East and Asia became smaller. The graded wools were 87 percent of total 1968 imports, and most of the increase occurred in those grading not finer than 40's. (See table 8.)

New Zealand supplied 46 percent of total U.S. duty-free wool imports in 1968. Argentina accounted for an additional 29 percent. The United Kingdom, as the third largest supplier, accounted for 9 percent. New Zealand in 1968 increased its share 6 percentage points; Argentina's share declined 4 points.

THE WORLD WOOL SITUATION

WORLD WOOL PRICES FIRM

Prices of Australian and New Zealand combing wools rose mildly from early to late 1968. Most of the price increase, however, occurred in the coarse grades; prices of 56's and finer wools were relatively stable. (See table 18 and figure 1.)

Increased world mill consumption of raw wool in 1968, and replenishment of working stocks of raw wool to around average levels in major consuming countries, kept wool prices firm last year. Price levels were maintained even though world wool production rose well above consumption, and man-made fiber's share of total fiber use in wool mills was larger. Carryover stocks of wool last fall in Southern Hemisphere countries were small, except for a relatively large quantity of 1966/67 medium and coarse crossbred wool held by the New Zealand Wool Commission.

Wool prices over the next several months may strengthen slightly despite record world production. Mill use of raw wool in most major manufacturing countries probably will expand as production of wool textiles increases further. A major rise in textile production, however, could lead to above-average stocks of intermediate wool products, in which case a decline in mill use of raw wool and weaker wool prices probably would follow.

WORLD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF RAW WOOL LARGER

World production of raw wool in the 1968/69 season is expected to exceed last year's record 3.4 billion pounds, clean basis, by possibly 1 to 2 percent. This is largely the result of 6 percent larger production in Australia, with less gains for New Zealand and Communist Bloc areas. The declining trend (7 years) in U.S. wool production continued in 1968. Production is down rather moderately in Argentina and Uruguay. With respect to qualities, the increase in production appears to be occurring in the finer types. Production

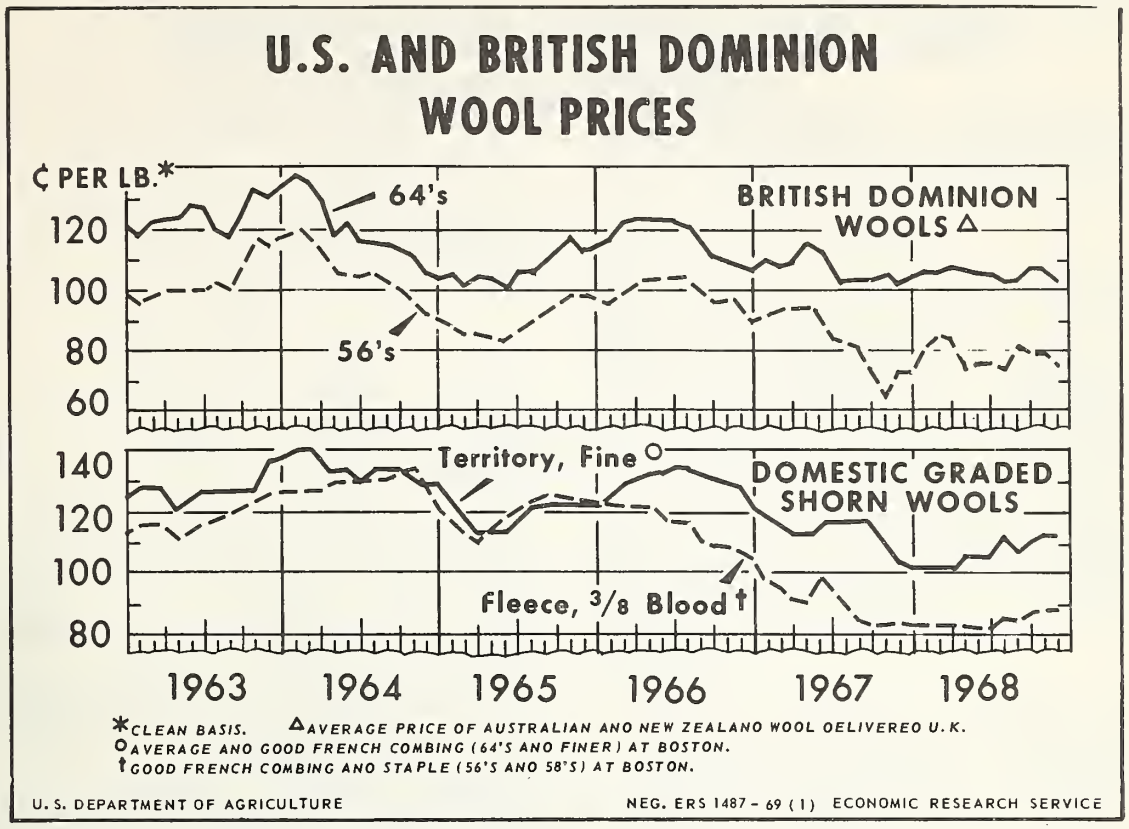


Figure 1

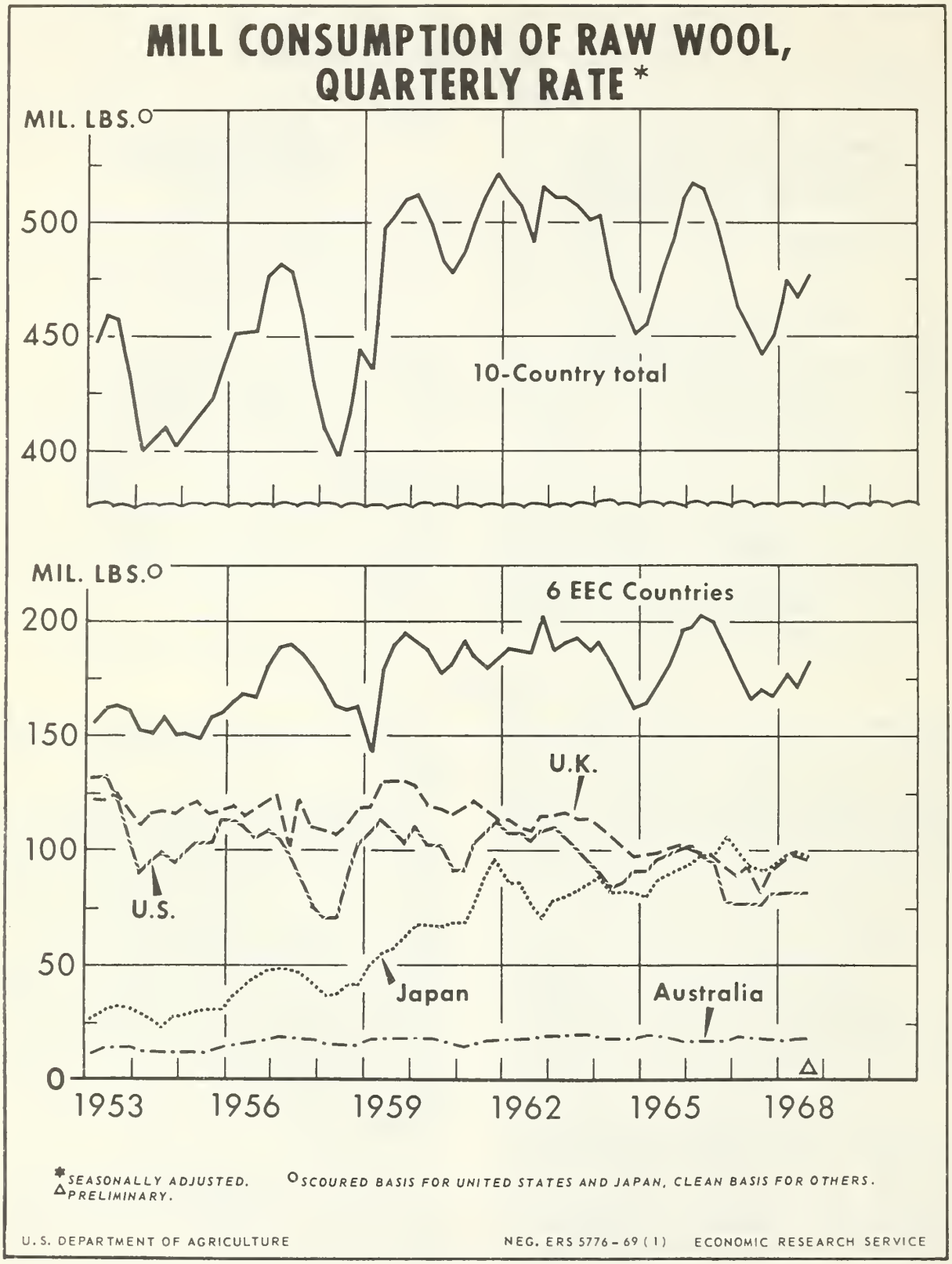
of coarse wools may decline slightly this season.

Mill consumption of raw wool in 1968 recovered rather moderately from the reduced levels of 1967. Prices paid by mills for raw wool declined sharply during 1967 compared with other recent years, and wool prices continued relatively low this past year. Also stimulating increased mill use of raw wool last year was a moderate gain in wool textile production and a slight decline in inventories of wool textiles. World trade in wool textiles rose sharply. However, despite the increase in the consumption of wool, man-made fiber's share also continued to rise, cutting further into wool's share of the market.

Raw wool consumption in 10 major manufacturing countries for January-September 1968 was about 4 percent above a year earlier. (See table 19.) There also is some evidence that wool consumption was increasing in other countries in 1968, particularly in Russia where a 7 percent rise in wool fabric output is reported. These data indicate a notable recovery--possibly 4 or 5 percent--in 1968 world wool consumption from the low 1967 level. But consumption still lagged the increase in production.

Prospects are relatively favorable for increased wool use over the next few months. Mill use in 10 major manufacturing countries by third-quarter 1968 was well into a recovery phase, and totaled nearly 8 percent above the cyclical low set in third-quarter 1967. (See figure 2 and table 19.) However, third-quarter 1968 wool use was still running at rather moderate rates, and some further expansion in consumption is expected. Competition from man-made fibers will continue strong. But raw wool prices continue at generally reduced levels, inventories of wool textiles are relatively low, and production of wool textiles is increasing.

In the past, continued above-average wool use and large output of wool textiles have ultimately led to relatively large pipeline stocks. The required adjustment in reducing these textile stocks may include a lowering of prices to expand textile sales. But reducing the mill intake of the raw wool is a widely used and


MILL CONSUMPTION OF RAW WOOL, QUARTERLY RATE *
MIL. LBS.○
500
450
400
10-Country total
MIL. LBS.○
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150
100
50
0
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U.K.
U.S.
Japan
Australia
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Figure 2

effective short-run measure in reducing textile stocks. If quarterly mill use of raw wool early this year expands much above third-quarter 1968, as seems probable, then a decline in wool use likely will follow. A rise in consumption would cause wool prices to firm, but any subsequent reduction in mill requirements for the raw fiber would be a depressing influence on prices of raw wool.

WORLD WOOL TEXTILE OUTPUT INCREASING

Associated with the rise in 1968 mill use of raw wool was a moderate recovery in production of textiles. Output of wool tops in major manufacturing countries during January-September 1968 totaled about 3 percent more than a year earlier. A similar increase was reported for woolen yarn. Worsted yarn production rose 6 percent and output of woven wool fabric rose 5 percent. Third quarter comparisons of production--rising in 1968 against a reduced 1967--show increases of 7 to 9 percent in the output of tops, yarns, and fabrics made of wool. (See table 20.)

Recovery during 1968 was widely spread in the wool industries of the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Belgium. The United States, France, and Italy reported selected increases in wool textile production. Most of these 1968 increases, however, were from relatively low levels of production in 1967. Therefore, 1968 levels of output were rather moderate in these countries. Output of wool fabric in Japan during January-September 1968 was about 4 percent above the moderate levels of a year earlier, but wool yarn and top production declined slightly. (See table 20.)

WORLD WOOL TEXTILE TRADE UP SHARPLY

Foreign trade in wool textiles by major manufacturing countries rose during 1968 along with other improvements in wool industry activity. Imports and exports of wool tops in January-September 1968 totaled 13 and 18 percent, respectively, above the like period of 1967. Trade in wool yarns and fabric was around 11 to 13 percent larger. (See table 21.) Third-quarter 1968 trade, compared with a year earlier, showed even stronger gains. For example, wool top exports had increased 30 percent, and yarn exports were 27 percent larger.

Data in table 21 show that foreign trade during 1968 declined in some countries. But in those countries where trade is substantial, major increases outnumbered the few decreases.

RAW WOOL EXPORTS GAIN

Exports of raw wool from the 5 major surplus--producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere during the first few months of the current season were moderately above a year earlier. Australian exports rose 3 percent. South Africa shipped 12 percent more, and Argentina, 47 percent. New Zealand's exports in the first 5 months of this season were 41 percent above a year earlier. Larger production in New Zealand and some liquidation of Wool Commission stocks this season, as opposed to commission buying of wool in the previous year, aided the increase in exports. (See table 9.)

Table 9.--Exports of wool, actual weight, from Southern Hemisphere surplus-producing countries, 1966/67, 1967/68, and 1968/69

Exporting country	1966/67	1967/68	1968/69
	Million pounds		
Australia 2/	395	412	424
New Zealand 3/	160	137	193
Republic of South Africa 3/	82	77	86
Argentina 4/	20	32	47
Uruguay 5/	82	106	6/

1/ Season beginning July 1 in Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of South Africa, and beginning October 1, in Argentina and Uruguay.
2/ July-October.
3/ July-November.
4/ October-November.
5/ October-September.
6/ Not available.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part I - Domestic wool prices, Boston, clean basis

Item	1967 Nov.	1967 Dec.	1968 Jan.	1968 Feb.	1968 Oct.	1968 Nov.	1968 Dec.	1969 Jan.	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Percent
Graded territory shorn wool									
Fine good French combing and staple	117.7	116.5	116.5	116.5	121.5	124.5	124.5	124.5	107
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	107.1	105.5	105.5	104.5	109.6	112.0	112.0	112.0	106
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	94.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	99.6	102.0	102.0	102.0	110
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	89.1	87.5	87.5	87.5	91.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	106
Low 1/4 blood	80.3	77.5	77.5	77.5	81.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	106
Common and braid	79.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	72.0	---	---	---	---
Graded fleece shorn wool									
Delaine	116.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	121.5	124.0	124.0	---	---
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	103.3	100.5	100.5	100.5	105.9	107.5	107.5	107.5	107
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	82.5	83.5	82.5	82.5	86.4	88.0	88.0	88.0	107
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	80.5	80.5	80.5	80.5	84.4	86.0	86.0	86.0	107
Low 1/4 blood	74.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	76.9	77.5	77.5	77.5	107
Common and braid	74.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	68.0	---	---	---	---
Original bag Texas shorn wool									
Fine 12 months good French combing and staple	124.5	122.5	120.3	117.0	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0	105
Fine 8 months (1 in. and over)	104.5	102.5	101.7	100.5	110.0	111.0	111.0	111.0	109
Fine fall (3/4 in. and over)	99.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	104.7	105.0	105.0	105.0	108
Scoured pulled wool									
70's, 2 in. and longer	112.5	116.2	117.5	117.5	119.5	120.0	120.0	120.0	102
64's, 70's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	107.5	111.2	112.5	112.5	114.1	114.5	114.5	114.5	102
60's, 64's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	100.5	102.0	102.5	102.5	106.2	107.5	107.5	107.5	105
60's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	98.5	97.8	97.5	98.5	102.4	103.0	103.0	103.4	106
58's, 60's, 2 in. and longer	97.5	96.0	95.5	96.1	98.6	99.0	99.0	100.4	105
56's, 58's, 2 in. and longer	94.5	92.2	92.4	92.5	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.4	103
56's, 2 in. and longer	92.5	90.5	90.5	90.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	97
50's, 56's, 2 in. and longer	90.5	87.8	87.5	87.5	85.5	85.5	85.5	85.5	98
44's, 50's, 4 in. and longer	87.5	83.8	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	100
36's, 44's, 4 in. and longer	87.5	83.3	82.5	82.5	82.5	- -	---	---	---

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part II -U.S. Mill Consumption and Imports

Item	Unit	1967 Sept.	1967 Oct.	1967 Nov.	1967 Dec.	1968 Sept.	1968 Oct.	1968 Nov.	1968 Dec.	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
Mill consumption, scoured basis 1/										
Average weekly rate during month 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	1,000									
60's and finer	pounds	2,110	2,149	2,245	2,078	2,188	2,210	2,096	---	93
50's up to 60's	do.	)								
48's and coarser	do.	) 2,048	2,032	2,138	1,970	2,257	2,297	2,141	---	100
Total apparel wool	do.	4,158	4,181	4,383	4,048	4,445	4,507	4,237	---	97
Carpet wool 4/	do.	1,695	1,834	1,699	1,822	1,779	1,766	1,779	---	105
Total apparel and carpet	do.	5,853	6,015	6,082	5,870	6,224	6,273	6,016	---	99
Monthly aggregates 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	Million									
60's and finer	pounds	10.6	8.6	9.0	10.4	8.8	11.1	8.4	---	93
50's up to 60's	do.	)								
48's and coarser	do.	) 10.2	8.1	8.6	9.8	9.0	11.5	8.6	---	100
Total apparel wool	do.	20.8	16.7	17.5	20.2	17.8	22.5	16.9	---	97
Carpet wool 4/	do.	8.5	7.3	6.8	9.1	7.1	8.8	7.1	---	104
Total apparel and carpet	do.	29.3	24.0	24.3	29.3	24.9	31.3	24.0	---	99
Accumulated since January 1										
Apparel wool 3/										
By grade										
60's and finer	do.	85.4	93.9	102.9	113.3	91.9	102.9	111.3	---	108
50's up to 60's	do.	)								
48's and coarser	do.	) 88.8	96.9	105.5	115.3	90.6	102.1	110.6	---	105
By system										
Woolen	do.	69.1	74.8	80.6	87.3	63.9	71.3	77.2	---	96
Worsted	do.	105.0	116.1	127.8	141.4	118.5	133.7	144.8	---	113
Total apparel wool	do.	174.1	190.9	208.4	228.7	182.4	205.0	222.0	---	107
Carpet wool 4/	do.	60.6	67.9	74.7	83.9	68.7	77.6	84.7	---	113
Total apparel and carpet	do.	234.7	258.8	283.1	312.6	251.1	282.6	306.7	---	108
Imports for consumption										
clean content										
Monthly aggregates										
	1,000									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	7,703	5,167	6,323	7,734	6,147	5,642	5,562	8,870	115
46's to 56's	do.	2,023	1,400	1,098	1,285	970	1,600	703	1,021	79
44's to 46's	do.	100	24	48	118	117	116	83	87	74
40's to 44's	do.	257	193	175	139	185	337	232	95	68
Not finer than 40's	do.	263	428	577	333	634	700	752	311	93
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	102	19	55	75	98	78	63	49	65
Total dutiable wool	do.	10,448	7,237	8,276	9,684	8,153	8,474	7,395	10,434	108
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	886	808	1,299	1,120	1,313	1,448	759	1,081	97
40's-44's	do.	2,869	2,157	2,777	3,820	5,293	2,934	2,257	2,025	53
Not finer than 40's	do.	2,342	2,439	3,211	3,024	4,117	3,263	4,510	3,336	110
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	1,140	1,242	1,374	1,343	1,733	1,559	1,494	1,203	90
Total duty-free	do.	7,237	6,646	8,661	9,307	12,456	9,204	9,020	7,645	82
Total free and dutiable	do.	17,684	13,883	16,936	18,991	20,609	17,678	16,415	18,079	95
Accumulated since January 1	Million									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	57.8	63.0	69.3	77.0	71.5	77.1	82.7	91.5	119
46's to 56's	do.	16.1	17.5	18.6	19.8	19.5	21.1	21.8	22.8	115
44's to 46's	do.	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	100
40's to 44's	do.	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.3	122
Not finer than 40's	do.	5.7	6.1	6.7	7.0	7.[illegible]	8.6	9.4	9.7	139
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.[illegible]	1.1	1.2	1.2	86
Total dutiable wool	do.	83.9	91.1	99.4	109.1	103.5	112.0	119.4	129.8	119
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	6.0	6.8	8.1	9.2	12.1	13.6	14.4	15.4	167
40's-44's	do.	18.6	20.7	23.5	27.3	30.3	33.2	35.5	37.5	137
Not finer than 40's	do.	21.2	23.7	26.9	29.9	40.2	43.4	48.0	51.3	172
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	7.8	9.0	10.4	11.7	11.1	12.7	14.2	15.4	132
Total duty-free wool	do.	53.6	60.2	68.9	78.2	93.8	103.0	112.0	119.6	153
Total free and dutiable	do.	137.5	151.3	168.3	187.3	197.2	214.9	231.3	249.4	133

1/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products.
2/ Monthly periods are 4 or 5 calendar weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter.
3/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign wool.
4/ Duty-free foreign wool.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 10.--Average weekly rate of consumption of apparel and carpet wool on woolen and worsted systems, scoured basis, United States, by months, unadjusted and adjusted for seasonal variation, 1964 to date

Month	1964		1965		1966		1967		1968	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
	Apparel wool									
January	4,563	4,536	4,855	4,755	5,838	5,662	4,630	4,465	4,535	4,360
February	4,726	4,536	4,870	4,665	5,822	5,587	4,587	4,415	4,925	4,749
March	4,443	4,284	4,947	4,789	5,865	5,711	4,417	4,313	4,848	4,739
April	4,281	4,144	5,623	5,407	5,844	5,576	4,661	4,426	4,978	4,714
May	4,836	4,437	5,523	5,086	5,745	5,285	4,751	4,367	4,829	4,438
June	4,976	4,574	5,461	5,029	5,614	5,189	4,652	4,315	4,955	4,605
July	4,026	4,454	4,883	5,378	4,726	5,181	3,847	4,209	3,970	4,339
August	4,628	4,370	5,798	5,475	5,519	5,207	4,533	4,272	4,761	4,487
September	4,549	4,637	5,424	5,540	4,519	4,649	4,158	4,295	4,445	4,606
October	4,332	4,480	5,661	5,860	4,419	4,579	4,181	4,333	4,507	4,666
November	3,977	4,394	5,267	5,839	4,018	4,459	4,383	4,859	4,237	4,697
December	3,874	4,432	5,123	5,882	3,777	4,341	4,048	4,653		
	Carpet wool									
January	2,753	2,652	2,316	2,229	2,243	2,146	1,779	1,701	1,797	1,716
February	2,679	2,616	2,220	2,181	2,287	2,262	1,518	1,504	1,887	1,874
March	2,367	2,353	2,207	2,189	2,260	2,244	1,362	1,354	1,812	1,803
April	2,230	2,297	2,172	2,230	2,117	2,166	1,646	1,683	1,766	1,804
May	1,872	1,878	2,187	2,191	2,120	2,126	1,779	1,784	1,798	1,803
June	2,159	2,277	2,160	2,276	1,910	2,013	1,381	1,454	1,800	1,895
July	1,576	2,162	1,635	2,249	1,448	1,984	1,144	1,565	1,482	2,027
August	2,551	2,323	2,164	1,978	2,083	1,911	1,740	1,596	1,798	1,650
September	2,474	2,325	2,190	2,076	1,894	1,816	1,695	1,638	1,779	1,724
October	2,577	2,309	2,342	2,087	2,145	1,905	1,834	1,623	1,766	1,560
November	2,453	2,303	2,321	2,153	1,936	1,784	1,699	1,562	1,779	1,632
December	2,166	2,290	2,025	2,154	1,552	1,649	1,822	1,942		

Table 11.--Fibers consumed and percentage distribution of wool and other fibers used in woolen spinning and worsted combing, United States, January-November 1964-68

Fiber and year	Production of top		Worsted system 1/		Woolen system: For yarns, except carpet and rug		Woolen system: For carpet and rug yarns		Total fibers consumed	
	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep										
1964	117,207	84.6	128,829	84.4	85,732	30.7	111,908	50.1	326,469	49.8
1965	142,858	87.6	156,647	87.5	92,552	31.1	102,205	43.8	351,287	49.5
1966	144,293	91.4	158,481	91.4	89,217	30.9	95,829	42.9	343,527	50.1
1967	117,586	91.2	127,787	91.0	80,633	30.5	74,743	36.9	283,163	46.6
1968 8/	133,246	91.7	144,786	91.5	77,155	28.7	84,667	33.9	306,608	45.3
Reused, reprocessed, and other wool 2/										
1964	3/	---	3/	---	116,454	41.7	---	---	146,205	22.3
1965	3/	---	3/	---	121,186	40.7	4/14,046	6.3	149,482	21.0
1966	3/	---	3/	---	112,877	39.1	---	---	135,306	19.7
1967	3/	---	3/	---	92,223	34.8	---	---	106,571	17.5
1968 8/	3/	---	3/	---	89,418	33.2	---	---	103,457	15.3
Man-made fibers 5/										
1964	4,766	3.4	4,964	3.3	70,936	25.4	96,175	43.0	172,075	26.3
1965	---	---	5,057	2.8	77,421	26.0	116,233	49.8	198,711	28.0
1966	3,279	2.1	3,296	1.9	79,922	27.7	113,603	50.9	196,873	28.7
1967	2,082	1.6	7/2,405	1.7	86,903	32.8	120,586	59.5	209,620	34.5
1968 8/	---	---	7/2,463	1.6	97,675	36.3	158,557	63.6	258,300	38.2
Other fibers 6/										
1964	3/	---	3/	---	6,121	2.2	3/	---	10,659	1.6
1965	3/	---	3/	---	6,809	2.2	3/	---	10,778	1.5
1966	3/	---	3/	---	6,669	2.3	3/	---	9,775	1.5
1967	3/	---	3/	---	5,079	1.9	3/	---	8,530	1.4
1968 8/	3/	---	3/	---	4,866	1.8	3/	---	8,380	1.2
Total fibers consumed										
1964	138,535	100.0	152,607	100.0	279,243	100.0	223,558	100.0	655,408	100.0
1965	163,065	100.0	178,925	100.0	297,968	100.0	233,365	100.0	710,258	100.0
1966	157,857	100.0	173,474	100.0	288,685	100.0	223,311	100.0	685,481	100.0
1967	128,919	100.0	140,470	100.0	264,838	100.0	202,510	100.0	607,884	100.0
1968 8/	145,361	100.0	158,183	100.0	269,114	100.0	249,474	100.0	676,745	100.0

1/ Consumption on the worsted system is taken as the sum of top and noil combed. 2/ Includes mohair, alpaca vicuna, and other specialty fibers as well as tops and noils consumed in woolen spinning and mohair consumed in worsted combing. 3/ Not reported to avoid disclosure of individual company information. 4/ Does not include other wool. 5/ Does not include man-made fiber converted from tow without combing. 6/ Includes cotton, jute, and other vegetable fibers and animal fibers, other than raw wool and mohair, consumed in worsted combing. 7/ Includes other fibers. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 12.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Inventories and unfilled orders at the weaving mill level, by months, January 1966 to date

Year and month	Woolens		Worsteds		Wool blends (chiefly polyester)		Total	
	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders
	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.
1966								
Jan.	13.3	53.9	5.0	39.2	2.8	30.9	21.1	124.0
Feb.	14.2	56.2	6.4	36.8	2.9	31.0	23.5	124.0
Mar.	17.8	59.2	6.4	32.9	3.3	32.8	27.5	124.9
Apr.	17.9	54.7	6.1	25.1	3.6	29.5	27.7	109.4
May	16.4	53.2	5.7	26.2	3.9	32.1	25.9	111.4
June	13.6	46.7	5.2	23.4	4.4	32.4	23.1	102.5
July	12.3	39.3	4.8	23.0	4.8	30.3	21.8	92.7
Aug.	11.7	34.1	4.2	24.1	4.8	27.5	20.7	85.7
Sept.	11.4	26.2	3.9	25.4	5.2	24.7	20.4	76.3
Oct.	9.0	22.5	3.4	24.7	5.1	20.0	17.5	67.2
Nov.	10.3	24.7	4.5	26.4	4.4	14.7	19.2	65.8
Dec.	12.0	26.3	5.2	26.9	4.1	14.4	21.3	67.6
1967								
Jan.	15.1	30.7	5.7	27.9	4.5	9.8	25.3	68.4
Feb.	16.0	33.4	5.8	28.8	3.1	9.2	24.8	71.3
Mar.	17.9	33.7	5.5	29.6	2.7	6.5	26.1	69.8
Apr.	18.6	32.1	5.3	23.2	2.7	17.8	26.6	73.1
May	19.5	34.1	5.4	23.2	2.9	20.6	27.8	77.9
June	16.0	32.0	5.2	21.4	3.3	20.7	24.5	74.1
July	13.8	30.8	4.4	24.1	4.0	20.4	22.2	75.3
Aug.	12.6	27.9	4.1	24.3	4.4	20.1	21.1	72.2
Sept.	11.4	25.9	3.9	25.7	4.7	20.1	20.0	71.7
Oct.	11.3	26.3	3.8	29.9	4.3	15.8	19.4	72.0
Nov.	11.9	30.7	4.1	32.6	4.5	17.6	20.5	80.0
Dec.	13.3	36.4	3.9	35.1	4.0	13.7	21.2	85.2
1968								
Jan.	16.4	39.6	4.7	36.8	3.4	19.7	24.6	96.1
Feb.	17.1	35.6	5.0	35.5	3.0	22.5	25.0	93.5
Mar.	18.1	35.3	5.0	34.5	2.7	23.9	25.9	93.7
Apr.	18.8	35.5	5.2	32.3	3.1	29.1	27.0	97.0
May	17.2	33.4	5.3	35.1	3.5	30.6	26.0	99.1
June	14.7	33.6	5.0	34.1	4.0	31.5	23.8	99.3
July	12.6	32.6	4.3	35.6	4.7	30.2	21.6	98.4
Aug.	10.8	27.9	3.8	32.8	5.1	28.6	19.8	89.3
Sept.	10.4	27.8	3.7	34.5	5.1	25.8	19.2	88.2
Oct.	10.3	25.4	3.4	32.9	5.2	19.0	18.8	77.4
Nov.	11.5	29.3	4.4	33.5	5.4	16.8	21.3	79.6
Dec.								

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 13.--Production of woolen and worsted woven goods, by type of fabric, United States, annual 1966-67, by quarters, April-June 1967 to date 1/

Fabric	1966	1967	1967 Apr.-June	1967 July-Sept.	1967 Oct.-Dec.	1968 Jan.-Mar.	1968 Apr.-June	1968 July-Sept.
	- - - 1,000 linear yards - - -							
Woolen and worsted woven fabrics (except felt)	264,874	238,598	65,993	53,167	57,756	62,039	68,845	57,041
Apparel fabrics	250,348	226,823	63,118	50,815	55,072	60,010	67,045	55,363
Government orders	11,198	9,866	3,007	1,525	2,595	2,549	905	1,102
Other than Government orders	239,150	216,957	60,111	49,290	52,477	57,461	66,140	54,261
Men's and boys' clothing	86,720	66,973	19,457	12,363	15,058	23,938	26,013	18,873
Less than 9 oz.	12,806	9,294	1,964	2,701	2,599	2,302	2,321	5,147
Worsted	11,750	8,719	1,860	2,563	2,454	2,202	2,218	4,907
Woolen	1,056	575	104	138	145	100	103	240
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	59,642	48,317	14,297	7,936	10,394	18,258	19,103	10,652
Worsted	37,434	30,139	8,992	4,728	6,040	12,526	13,459	5,631
Woolen	22,208	18,178	5,305	3,208	4,354	5,732	5,644	5,021
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	4,740	4,470	1,473	927	1,094	1,562	2,415	1,460
Worsted	2,459	3,049	1,099	601	762	739	877	582
Woolen	2,281	1,421	374	326	332	823	1,538	878
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	4,668	3,675	1,332	536	744	1,252	1,620	1,154
Worsted	1,134	961	334	172	250	281	323	298
Woolen	3,534	2,714	998	364	494	971	1,297	856
20 oz. up to 26 oz.	4,520	968	348	213	156	535	509	445
26 oz. and over	344	249	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Women's and children's clothing	152,430	149,984	40,654	36,927	37,419	33,523	40,127	35,388
Less than 9 oz.	11,239	11,846	3,418	2,804	2,780	3,537	1,956	1,883
Worsted	3,424	2,955	980	1,073	426	382	243	220
Woolen	7,815	8,891	2,438	1,731	2,354	3,155	1,713	1,663
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	83,003	78,775	21,792	19,483	19,629	16,355	19,955	18,491
Worsted	3,985	3,147	923	683	618	630	759	974
Woolen	79,018	75,628	20,869	18,800	19,011	15,725	19,196	17,517
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	14,119	18,245	4,871	4,025	5,062	3,558	4,415	4,010
Worsted	1,396	1,256	352	405	193	170	207	201
Woolen	12,723	16,989	4,519	3,620	4,869	3,388	4,208	3,809
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	20,100	17,927	4,503	3,974	4,985	4,318	6,338	4,956
Worsted	1,855	1,443	362	379	398	251	267	303
Woolen	18,245	16,484	4,141	3,595	4,587	4,067	6,071	4,653
20 oz. and over	23,969	23,191	6,070	6,641	4,963	5,755	7,463	6,048
Nonapparel fabrics	14,526	11,775	2,875	2,352	2,684	2,029	1,800	1,678
Blanketing	10,362	8,501	2,322	1,670	1,468	804	800	758
Other	4,164	3,274	553	682	1,216	1,225	1,000	920
	1,000 pounds							
Woven felts	8,372	8,464	2,219	2,001	2,106	2,026	1,999	1,864
Papermakers	6,134	6,316	1,644	1,476	1,637	1,549	1,506	1,399
All others	2,238	2,148	575	525	469	477	493	465

1/ Fabrics wholly or chiefly by weight of wool, reused wool, reprocessed wool or other animal fibers. Blanketing in 72 inch width or equivalent, other fabrics in 54 to 60 inch width or equivalent 54 inch width. 2/ Less than 100 thousand.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 14.--Fabric deliveries to U. S. military forces, in equivalent square yards of fabric, annual 1967 and by months, January 1968 to date

Fiber and fabric	1967	1968 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1969 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
	1,000 square yards																				
Wool																					
Blanketing	11,245	112	98	142	142	48	15	14	63	91	28	38									
Flannel	607	156	132	54	80	11	106	47	0	17	80	93									
Frieze	1,224	198	32	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Gabardine	4,662	0	55	53	56	0	2	0	0	0	0	24									
Kersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Melton	1,614	167	103	148	13	55	0	0	0	0	45	112									
Pile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Serge	7,560	892	619	658	264	256	245	492	251	300	408	205									
Tropical	1,305	194	165	75	62	0	96	105	61	141	289	608									
Other	114	13	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	10	0									
Total	28,331	1,732	1,204	1,142	619	371	464	658	375	549	860	1,080									
Mixed Fiber																					
Cotton and wool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cotton and cellulosic	3,935	1,530	1,867	1,134	458	871	1,173	625	474	428	1,260	86									
Cotton and non-cellulosic	35,429	3,424	4,763	4,120	3,291	4,226	3,016	2,580	1,269	2,175	1,705	2,392									
Cotton and glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cotton and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Wool and cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Wool and non-cellulosic	13,763	1,576	1,124	546	161	254	1	0	13	1	0	3									
Wool and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cotton, wool and cellulosic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cotton, wool and non-cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cellulosic and non-cellulosic	1,364	43	34	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Total	54,492	6,573	7,788	5,800	3,929	5,350	4,190	3,205	1,756	2,604	2,965	2,481									
Cotton																					
Total	258,325	17,811	15,781	13,875	10,212	10,815	14,445	15,381	7,739	14,842	14,870	11,336									
Man-made																					
Cellulosic Total	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	4	7	12									
Non-cellulosic Total	33,697	711	443	841	686	1,009	899	1,247	945	1,896	1,475	1,053									
Glass	125	1	4	2	9	20	27	21	0	5	39	18									
Total man-made	33,824	712	447	845	695	1,029	926	1,271	945	1,905	1,521	1,083									
Total all fibers	374,972	26,828	25,220	21,662	15,455	17,565	20,025	20,515	10,815	19,900	20,216	15,980									

Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 15.--Textile fabrics: Deliveries to U. S. military forces, raw fiber content, annual 1962-67, by months, January 1967 to date

Year and month	Wool: 100 percent wool fabric	Wool: Wool and man-made fiber mixtures: 50 percent or more wool	Wool: Wool and man-made fiber mixtures: Less than 50 percent wool	Wool: Wool and other fiber mixtures	Wool: Total	Cotton: 100 percent cotton fabric	Cotton: Cotton and man-made fiber mixtures: 50 percent or more cotton	Cotton: Cotton and man-made fiber mixtures: Less than 50 percent cotton	Cotton: Cotton and other fiber mixtures	Cotton: Total	Man-made: Cellulosic: Filament yarn	Man-made: Cellulosic: Staple fiber	Man-made: Cellulosic: Total	Man-made: Non-cellulosic: Filament yarn	Man-made: Non-cellulosic: Staple fiber	Man-made: Non-cellulosic: Total	Man-made: Total: Filament yarn	Man-made: Total: Staple fiber	Man-made: Total: Total	Man-made: Glass	Total all fibers
	1,000 pounds																				
1962	13,661	0	4	2	13,667	50,387	253	768	---	51,408	710	3	713	776	848	1,624	1,486	851	2,337	53	67,465
1963 1/	7,858	0	10	58	7,926	30,777	103	283	17	31,180	126	85	211	770	603	1,373	896	688	1,584	2	40,692
1964 1/	5,246	0	95	2/	5,341	20,363	129	1,118	0	21,610	191	20	211	544	1,380	1,934	745	1,400	2,145	14	29,110
1965 1/	3,863	0	400	346	4,509	26,522	865	124	115	27,626	253	41	294	1,469	1,484	2,953	1,722	1,525	3,247	16	35,498
1966	15,325	80	1,268	0	16,674	103,549	4,960	1,072	0	109,579	20	570	591	11,097	4,695	15,792	11,118	5,266	16,383	20	142,656
1967	21,318	80	2,183	0	23,581	148,335	9,806	1,645	0	159,786	436	300	736	9,921	8,984	18,905	10,357	9,281	19,638	63	203,068
1967																					
Jan.	1,969	27	224	0	2,219	14,295	843	468	0	15,605	4	133	137	1,601	1,223	2,824	1,605	1,356	2,961	1	20,786
Feb.	2,448	0	105	0	2,552	13,824	682	280	0	14,786	3	3	6	1,870	754	2,624	1,873	756	2,629	1	19,968
Mar.	3,081	53	199	0	3,333	18,214	1,075	113	0	19,401	9	33	42	1,655	1,052	2,707	1,664	1,085	2,749	6	25,489
Apr.	1,657	0	107	0	1,764	10,878	781	20	0	11,679	3	19	22	910	658	1,567	912	676	1,589	0	15,032
May	2,079	0	184	0	2,263	14,296	1,019	115	0	15,430	36	32	68	798	735	1,533	834	767	1,601	0	19,294
June	1,963	0	179	0	2,142	13,371	669	95	0	14,134	2	19	22	891	636	1,527	893	655	1,548	2	17,826
July	1,428	0	84	0	1,512	9,946	777	34	0	10,757	9	9	18	305	443	748	314	452	766	1	13,036
Aug.	1,772	0	133	0	1,905	13,691	745	146	0	14,581	6	0	6	625	722	1,347	632	722	1,354	0	17,840
Sept.	1,195	0	136	0	1,330	10,855	586	55	0	11,496	102	7	109	271	367	638	373	373	747	31	13,604
Oct.	1,423	0	243	0	1,666	10,602	840	195	0	11,636	126	27	153	430	774	1,204	556	802	1,347	2	14,661
Nov.	1,384	0	298	0	1,682	10,608	948	70	0	11,699	86	0	86	321	784	1,105	407	784	1,191	19	14,591
Dec.	919	0	291	0	1,210	7,683	841	54	0	8,578	50	18	67	244	836	1,080	294	853	1,147	0	10,935
1968																					
Jan.	1,170	0	252	0	1,422	10,072	1,405	110	0	11,587	217	5	222	279	858	1,137	497	862	1,359	0	14,368
Feb.	764	0	180	0	944	9,006	1,736	173	0	10,915	264	6	270	165	1,208	1,373	429	1,214	1,643	1	13,503
Mar.	739	0	86	0	825	7,954	1,197	249	0	9,400	162	0	162	170	1,060	1,230	332	1,060	1,392	1	11,618
Apr.	417	0	25	0	442	6,023	889	116	0	7,028	91	-34	57	202	611	813	293	577	870	2	8,342
May	242	0	39	0	281	5,941	1,212	166	0	7,319	124	0	124	208	1,025	1,233	332	1,025	1,357	12	8,969
June	267	0	0	0	267	7,112	1,164	103	0	8,379	167	0	167	426	702	1,128	593	702	1,295	9	9,950
July	391	0	0	0	391	7,351	731	97	0	8,179	91	0	91	537	646	1,183	628	646	1,274	6	9,850
Aug.	223	0	2	0	225	3,635	404	41	0	4,080	67	0	67	514	323	837	581	323	904	0	5,209
Sept.	317	0	0	0	317	7,185	625	72	0	7,882	62	0	62	815	578	1,393	877	578	1,455	1	9,655
Oct.	486	0	0	0	486	7,614	944	34	0	8,592	181	0	181	797	447	1,244	978	447	1,425	25	10,528
Nov.	562	0	0	0	562	5,757	347	201	0	6,305	16	0	16	679	470	1,149	695	470	1,165	9	8,041
Dec.																					
1969																					
Jan.																					
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July																					
Aug.																					

1/ Total of available dates: 1963, 8 months; 1964, 10 months; 1965, 7 months, all other, 12 months.
2/ Less than 500 pounds.

Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 16.--Raw wool content of United States imports for consumption of wool manufactures, annual 1964-68 and by months, January 1967 to date 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Woven fabrics 2/	Wool blankets 3/	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit 4/	Other manufactures 5/	Sub-total	Noils	Wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	- - - 1,000 pounds - - -											
1964	3,079	8,217	19,804	535	20,282	8,139	1,201	61,257	38,075	14,420	27,395	141,147
1965	8,088	11,257	25,702	744	27,617	7,826	1,752	82,966	34,291	17,402	21,437	156,116
1966	10,362	12,969	24,836	746	25,789	7,232	1,669	83,603	27,647	16,229	15,383	142,862
1967	5,795	9,684	24,319	755	24,371	6,400	2,438	73,762	28,912	10,895	8,179	121,748
1968 8/	6,622	10,850	32,724	876	32,850	8,513	2,554	94,989	27,011	14,670	9,347	146,017
1967												
Jan.	866	820	1,777	44	1,041	275	30	4,853	1,947	1,093	913	8,806
Feb.	561	648	1,725	26	846	236	32	4,074	2,702	1,004	696	8,476
Mar.	563	1,053	2,765	58	966	202	135	5,742	2,849	1,217	831	10,639
Apr.	595	510	2,547	49	1,154	167	166	5,188	2,953	963	833	9,937
May	669	968	2,343	51	1,770	235	98	6,134	3,029	915	773	10,851
June	358	805	2,143	84	2,608	535	417	6,950	2,733	841	619	11,143
July	253	1,045	1,862	78	2,901	844	258	7,241	2,351	854	544	10,990
August	329	904	2,029	96	2,996	1,175	150	7,679	2,546	940	666	12,231
Sept.	348	898	1,992	85	2,567	875	491	7,256	2,098	1,023	687	11,064
Oct.	378	611	1,847	74	2,861	857	283	6,911	1,209	303	489	8,912
Nov.	354	652	1,895	47	2,759	638	241	6,586	2,180	860	579	10,205
Dec.	523	769	1,395	63	1,902	361	137	5,150	1,916	881	547	8,494
1968 8/												
Jan.	412	992	2,537	49	1,335	262	162	5,749	2,427	1,044	842	10,062
Feb.	583	943	2,214	67	1,167	237	77	5,288	2,871	1,553	678	10,390
Mar.	489	1,030	2,990	42	1,198	249	327	6,325	2,217	919	690	10,151
Apr.	682	1,085	3,338	48	1,772	260	337	7,522	2,189	1,219	854	11,784
May	481	1,164	3,317	53	2,860	367	244	8,486	2,310	1,415	944	13,155
June	671	632	2,705	65	3,319	636	257	8,285	2,125	1,194	649	12,253
July	440	995	3,147	93	4,493	1,261	242	10,671	3,210	1,347	790	16,018
Aug.	834	825	3,055	115	4,339	1,407	282	10,857	2,142	1,354	850	15,203
Sept.	268	630	2,914	75	3,808	1,261	225	9,181	1,863	1,102	852	12,998
Oct.	308	1,011	2,325	48	3,849	1,245	187	8,973	2,270	1,339	807	13,389
Nov.	733	833	1,960	130	2,867	776	148	7,447	2,220	1,251	638	11,556
Dec.	721	710	2,222	91	1,843	552	66	6,205	1,167	933	753	9,058

See footnotes end of table 17.

Table 17.--Raw wool content of United States exports of domestic wool manufactures, annual 1964-68 and by months, January 1967 to date 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Fabrics woven and knit	Wool blankets	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit	Other manufactures 7/	Felts	Sub-total	Noils and wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	- - - 1,000 pounds - - -											
1964	370	228	748	239	201	390	893	276	3,345	3,281	372	6,998
1965	433	185	804	213	349	512	2,132	1,534	6,162	8,876	614	15,652
1966	458	273	586	183	348	600	1,978	1,279	5,705	6,400	588	12,693
1967	527	331	550	211	535	503	1,672	1,792	6,121	4,065	509	10,695
1968 8/	461	367	496	206	474	571	991	1,349	4,915	3,636	817	9,368
1967												
Jan.	37	29	44	11	26	31	132	129	439	420	51	910
Feb.	65	36	50	9	42	37	97	45	381	393	37	811
Mar.	34	27	37	11	44	38	122	106	419	605	42	1,066
Apr.	63	14	44	12	49	49	145	81	457	423	67	947
May	58	8	50	12	43	34	220	231	656	319	30	1,005
June	21	5	61	14	53	31	173	164	522	296	56	874
July	34	38	28	14	41	37	112	77	381	264	26	671
Aug.	51	37	53	28	58	38	153	202	620	226	42	888
Sept.	47	44	67	39	67	52	121	295	732	236	32	1,000
Oct.	57	35	34	23	51	54	142	124	520	145	46	711
Nov.	38	39	31	22	32	45	133	121	461	446	46	953
Dec.	22	19	50	16	28	56	120	217	528	293	33	854
1968 8/												
Jan.	21	20	45	8	39	35	56	30	254	76	77	407
Feb.	35	30	44	11	53	34	93	238	538	218	34	790
Mar.	51	42	25	5	44	31	65	171	434	414	41	889
Apr.	14	44	42	16	36	34	89	80	355	69	94	518
May	12	38	50	39	33	17	89	186	464	371	78	913
June	64	24	38	21	33	30	63	119	392	389	55	836
July	25	5	43	25	56	35	41	140	370	612	80	1,062
Aug.	12	34	78	21	49	59	105	200	558	354	49	961
Sept.	43	34	29	22	39	51	77	43	338	206	59	603
Oct.	73	33	32	12	39	107	51	52	399	218	56	673
Nov.	63	25	43	8	32	88	196	38	493	528	143	1,164
Dec.	48	38	27	18	21	50	66	52	320	181	51	552

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca, and other wool-like specialty hair. 2/ Includes pile fabrics and manufactures, tapestry and upholstery goods, press and billiard cloths. 3/ Includes carriage and automobile robes, steamer rugs, etc. 4/ Includes laces, lace articles, veils and veilings, nets and nettings, when reported in pounds. 5/ Includes knit fabrics in the piece and miscellaneous manufactures not elsewhere specified. 6/ Not including rags. Beginning January 1965, export data includes substantial quantities of non-wool animal hair. 7/ Census Bureau's Schedule B classification designated manufactures, n.e.c. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 18.--Price per pound of British Dominion wool, (Bradford grade), by months, January 1966 to date

Year and month	Combing							
	70's	64's	60's	58's	56's	50's	48's	46's
	Cents							
1966								
January	125.0	114.5	109.8	106.3	95.8	82.9	77.1	74.8
February	127.3	116.8	110.9	103.9	94.6	82.9	77.1	73.6
March	130.4	121.1	115.3	108.3	97.8	86.2	78.0	74.5
April	123.7	123.4	117.6	110.6	101.3	87.3	76.8	73.3
May	131.5	123.3	117.5	109.4	102.4	87.3	76.8	72.1
June	130.2	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.1
July	130.1	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.0
August	127.8	120.8	116.2	109.2	102.3	83.7	74.4	70.9
September	124.4	117.4	112.7	106.9	98.8	80.2	73.2	69.7
October	121.0	112.8	107.0	101.2	95.4	79.1	73.3	69.8
November	118.6	110.5	105.8	98.9	96.5	77.9	72.1	69.8
December	117.4	109.3	104.6	97.7	95.3	75.6	70.9	68.6
1967								
January	117.5	108.2	102.3	95.4	89.5	74.4	69.8	67.4
February	119.9	111.8	104.8	97.8	92.0	75.7	69.8	67.5
March	117.7	109.5	102.5	95.5	93.2	75.7	69.9	67.6
April	120.1	110.8	102.6	95.6	93.3	75.8	70.0	67.6
May	122.4	115.4	106.0	97.9	93.2	74.6	69.9	67.6
June	121.0	114.0	104.7	97.7	93.0	74.4	69.8	67.5
July	117.3	109.2	101.0	95.2	83.6	67.4	60.4	58.1
August	109.1	101.0	92.8	85.9	83.6	68.5	62.7	59.2
September	111.3	103.2	93.9	85.8	82.4	67.3	60.3	58.0
October	113.6	103.2	93.9	84.7	73.1	58.0	54.5	52.2
November	115.3	104.3	93.2	83.2	65.4	48.8	47.7	46.6
December	113.3	103.3	91.2	81.2	73.2	52.1	48.1	46.1
1968								
January	116.4	105.4	95.4	85.3	76.3	48.2	44.2	41.2
February	125.5	108.4	98.4	89.3	80.3	49.2	45.2	41.2
March	125.0	107.0	97.0	88.0	85.0	54.0	49.0	45.0
April	125.1	106.1	97.1	88.1	82.1	53.0	47.0	43.0
May	124.4	105.5	96.6	86.6	73.7	53.8	45.8	41.8
June	124.2	105.3	96.4	86.4	75.5	55.6	49.7	46.7
July	122.5	104.6	95.6	85.6	75.7	55.8	49.8	46.8
August	119.6	102.6	93.7	84.7	73.7	53.8	48.8	45.8
September	120.4	103.5	94.5	85.5	80.6	59.7	53.7	51.7
October	123.5	106.5	97.6	89.6	79.7	64.7	56.8	53.8
November	123.3	106.4	97.4	88.5	78.5	63.6	56.7	53.7
December	118.2	102.3	93.4	84.4	75.5	59.6	52.7	48.7
1969								
January								

Compiled from reports of New Zealand Wool Commission.

Table 19.--Estimated consumption of wool in selected wool manufacturing countries, clean content, annual 1965-67, by quarters, April-June 1967 to date

Country	Year			1967			1968			Percentage change	
	1965	1966	1967	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	July-Sept., 1968 to July-Sept., 1967	Jan.-Sept., 1968 to Jan.-Sept., 1967
	Million pounds									Percent	
United States 1/	387.0	370.2	312.5	81.5	74.3	77.7	85.5	87.2	78.4	+ 5.5	+ 6.9
United Kingdom	402.6	388.2	359.9	96.7	76.5	92.2	102.9	100.4	87.5	+14.4	+ 8.6
France	254.6	281.0	234.6	61.3	47.5	57.7	68.2	58.7	55.8	+17.5	+ 3.3
Japan	350.4	395.1	380.6	95.0	94.1	94.7	94.4	100.6	98.1	+ 4.3	+ 2.5
Italy	189.4	242.0	218.3	58.0	52.4	55.1	50.1	53.2	50.2	- 4.2	- 8.6
West Germany	146.2	150.5	122.5	31.0	28.0	33.0	37.5	37.3	33.8	+20.7	+21.5
Belgium	97.9	95.5	80.1	20.5	16.7	21.3	22.0	23.1	18.5	+10.8	+10.8
Australia	78.3	71.5	75.6	20.2	20.3	18.9	16.2	18.0	19.6	- 3.5	- 5.3
Netherlands	21.4	21.8	20.5	5.9	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.1	-12.8	-14.8
Total	1,927.8	2,015.8	1,804.6	470.1	414.5	455.6	481.3	483.1	446.0	+ 7.6	+ 4.2

1/ Consumption on woolen and worsted system only.

Complied from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Bureau of the Census.

Table 20.--Production of wool and hair tops, worsted and woolen yarn, and wool woven fabrics, by specified countries, annual 1965-67, by quarters, April-June 1967 to date

Country	Year			1967			1968			Percentage change	
	1965	1966	1967	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July Sept.	July-Sept. 1968 to July-Sept. 1967	Jan.-Sept. 1968 to Jan.-Sept. 1967
	Million pounds									Percent	
	Tops										
United Kingdom	247.6	229.8	203.1	55.6	43.0	48.1	57.0	55.9	48.2	+12.1	+ 3.9
France	188.8	211.0	169.7	44.1	33.9	41.8	51.2	42.6	44.3	+30.7	+ 7.9
Japan	273.3	313.7	305.7	77.3	76.0	76.1	72.8	76.8	75.3	- .9	- 2.1
Italy	117.8	178.0	162.3	43.2	38.8	36.0	34.0	36.1	34.2	-11.9	-17.4
United States	174.7	166.4	140.5	36.6	33.8	36.6	39.9	40.7	35.0	+ 3.6	+11.3
West Germany	78.4	86.9	67.6	17.7	15.3	19.1	23.4	22.5	20.3	+32.7	+36.2
Belgium	64.8	63.0	52.5	13.7	10.6	12.9	13.8	14.7	12.8	+20.8	+ 4.3
Australia	51.2	47.0	47.5	12.9	12.6	11.5	10.2	10.8	12.2	- 3.2	- 8.0
Uruguay	23.7	29.5	29.4	8.2	4.9	7.9	9.5	8.7	8.2	+67.3	+27.5
Netherlands	2.6	2.2	1.6	.5	.4	.3	---	.2	.1	-75.0	---
Total	1,222.9	1,327.5	1,179.8	309.7	269.3	290.3	1/311.7	309.0	290.6	+ 7.9	+ 2.5
	Worsted yarn										
United Kingdom	227.0	221.3	193.1	50.8	42.6	50.0	55.3	54.7	48.2	+13.1	+10.6
Italy	166.1	203.6	195.7	50.4	45.0	49.2	47.3	51.7	46.3	+ 2.9	- .9
France	183.6	214.2	180.3	49.2	34.6	47.4	47.6	47.2	42.9	+24.0	+ 3.5
West Germany	139.7	155.8	130.6	33.0	30.1	37.6	40.2	38.9	36.4	+20.9	+24.2
Japan	238.7	261.7	268.0	66.1	68.3	68.7	64.2	65.4	66.1	- 3.2	- 1.8
Belgium	94.6	104.6	93.8	24.9	19.4	26.7	27.6	28.7	24.3	+25.3	+20.1
Netherlands	20.8	19.7	17.0	4.6	3.8	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.4	-10.5	-10.2
Australia	23.7	19.3	19.6	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.5	4.0	4.6	- 9.8	- 7.8
Total	1,094.2	1,200.2	1,098.1	284.0	248.9	289.1	290.9	294.5	272.2	+ 9.4	+ 6.0
	Woolen yarn										
United Kingdom	321.8	314.7	304.4	80.1	65.7	81.4	85.0	81.4	72.0	+ 9.6	+ 7.0
Italy	268.2	330.7	310.7	80.3	74.1	76.8	78.7	82.1	77.2	+ 4.2	+ 1.8
France	102.3	106.6	98.8	28.2	18.8	24.8	24.8	23.8	20.4	+ 8.5	- 6.8
West Germany	133.1	112.7	95.2	24.4	20.5	26.6	27.3	26.3	23.1	+12.7	+11.8
Japan	103.5	100.6	94.4	25.0	23.9	22.7	20.7	23.7	24.9	+ 4.2	- 3.2
Belgium	47.7	48.9	40.7	10.9	8.5	11.4	11.5	12.3	10.2	+20.0	+15.6
Netherlands	40.2	38.2	33.5	9.3	7.4	8.6	7.9	8.2	7.4	---	- 5.6
Australia	30.9	31.5	34.2	8.8	9.2	9.0	7.4	9.4	9.3	+ 1.1	+ 5.2
Total	1,047.5	1,083.9	1,011.9	267.0	228.1	261.3	263.3	267.2	244.5	+ 7.2	+ 3.3
	Woven fabrics										
	Million square yards										
United States	434.2	431.2	386.1	107.1	85.5	92.4	99.3	110.4	98.5	+15.2	+ 5.1
United Kingdom	355.8	332.8	315.2	79.7	73.0	83.7	82.3	77.9	76.2	+ 4.4	+ 2.1
Japan	413.7	418.7	456.9	109.2	118.7	123.6	111.2	117.6	118.3	- .3	+ 4.1
Italy	206.5	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	---	---
France	193.0	219.5	194.2	50.2	39.6	51.5	51.7	47.6	46.0	+16.2	+ 1.8
West Germany	185.3	178.5	143.1	37.3	33.0	40.7	39.6	42.4	40.6	+23.0	+19.8
Netherlands	64.9	67.0	52.5	12.5	12.5	14.3	13.6	13.1	12.2	- 2.4	+ 1.8
Australia	34.5	31.1	32.2	8.4	8.2	8.5	7.6	8.0	8.1	- 1.2	+ .4
Total	1,887.9	1,678.8	1,580.2	404.4	370.5	414.7	405.2	417.0	399.9	+ 7.9	+ 4.9
Belgium	38.2	37.2	31.7	7.9	6.7	8.6	8.3	8.3	7.8	+16.4	+ 6.1
Italy (Mil. lb.)	---	254.0	237.8	62.5	54.1	60.5	62.6	64.6	58.4	+ 7.9	+ 4.6

1/ Total excludes the Netherlands. 2/ Statistics in square yards no longer published.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Table 21.--World trade in wool tops, woolen and worsted yarn, and exports of woolen and worsted fabrics, by specified countries, annual 1965-1967, by quarters, April-June 1967 to date

Country	Year 1965	Year 1966	Year 1967	1967 Apr.-June	1967 July-Sept.	1967 Oct.-Dec.	1968 Jan.-Mar.	1968 Apr.-June	1968 July-Sept.	Percentage change July-Sept. 1968 to July-Sept. 1967	Percentage change Jan.-Sept. 1968 to Jan.-Sept. 1967
	- - - Million pounds - - -									- - - Percent - - -	
	Tops										
Exports											
United Kingdom	64.0	62.7	51.4	13.5	11.5	11.1	14.3	14.7	14.0	+21.7	+6.7
France	59.6	59.7	57.1	14.9	10.9	17.5	20.7	13.6	15.4	+41.3	+25.2
Uruguay	23.7	29.5	29.4	8.2	4.9	8.7	9.5	8.7	8.2	+67.3	+27.5
Australia	19.3	24.2	23.1	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.8	6.7	+15.5	+2.9
Belgium	28.5	25.5	23.5	5.6	5.4	6.9	6.1	6.0	1/ 3.7	---	---
Rep. of South Africa	10.5	14.0	13.2	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.5	+12.9	+11.5
Japan	13.2	9.2	9.6	2.0	2.0	3.5	3.5	5.0	3.6	+80.0	+98.4
West Germany	7.2	6.9	6.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	2.5	3.1	2.9	+61.1	+66.7
Argentina	5.4	5.2	6.9	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.1	-26.7	-35.9
Switzerland	1.1	1.2	1.7	.5	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	+25.0	+15.4
Total	232.5	238.1	222.4	58.2	47.3	60.6	66.8	62.5	61.6	+30.2	+17.9
Imports											
Belgium	44.8	53.1	47.4	12.2	8.9	15.3	16.4	13.2	1/ 7.3	---	---
Netherlands	16.4	16.2	12.2	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.9	4.4	3.2	+14.3	+27.8
India	1.0	.4	.1	---	.1	---	---	.1	2/.1	---	---
West Germany	22.4	24.4	22.5	5.7	4.8	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.4	+33.3	+31.6
Canada	17.8	16.0	14.6	3.9	4.0	3.1	4.2	4.6	1/2.5	---	---
Switzerland	12.0	14.6	13.2	3.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.2	+6.7	-6.7
Italy	19.3	12.6	11.4	2.3	3.6	2.4	2.5	2.9	2/.9	---	---
Greece	10.5	11.9	9.0	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.5	3/	---	---
Japan	3.0	4.8	4.5	1.3	1.4	.7	.6	1.1	1.3	-7.2	-23.1
Sweden	5.5	5.1	4.4	1.3	.6	1.3	1.3	1.0	1/.6	---	---
France	5.3	5.7	4.3	1.0	.9	1.1	1.4	1.4	.2	-77.8	-6.3
United States	8.1	10.3	5.8	1.6	.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.5	+66.7	+6.7
Denmark	2.6	2.6	2.1	.7	.5	.3	.3	.4	.4	-20.0	-42.1
Norway	2.7	3.3	3.2	.7	.7	.9	.7	.8	.7	---	-4.4
United Kingdom	1.8	2.4	3.7	1.1	1.1	.9	1.1	1.1	1.5	+36.4	+97.4
Irish Republic	3.0	4.1	3.9	1.0	.7	1.1	1.2	.9	1/.6	---	---
Total	176.2	187.5	162.3	42.0	36.3	43.7	47.2	46.2	41.2	+13.5	+13.3
	Yarns										
Exports											
France	54.4	50.7	43.3	11.8	9.4	11.1	11.3	10.6	11.3	+20.2	+3.1
Belgium	57.5	61.3	53.4	15.4	10.4	15.7	15.7	14.9	12.1	+16.3	+13.3
United Kingdom	30.1	29.5	27.7	7.6	6.3	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.7	+22.2	+2.8
Italy	28.8	24.5	20.4	5.7	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.6	1/5.0	---	---
Japan	20.8	30.9	18.6	5.4	4.0	5.1	5.2	9.0	8.6	+115.0	+68.9
Netherlands	13.0	14.7	12.2	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.1	+6.9	+3.4
West Germany	8.4	8.0	8.3	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	-23.1	---
Austria	5.1	6.6	8.1	2.1	1.8	2.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	-11.1	-13.0
Switzerland	4.4	4.7	3.8	1.0	.8	1.1	.8	1.2	.9	+12.5	+3.6
Total	222.5	230.9	195.8	53.9	43.3	52.3	51.6	56.2	54.8	+26.6	+13.2
Imports											
West Germany	76.7	69.1	47.3	12.7	10.3	13.0	14.4	15.6	16.4	+59.2	+34.9
Netherlands	26.2	28.9	21.6	5.9	4.7	5.9	5.6	6.2	4.9	+4.3	+6.4
Belgium	14.6	16.4	12.0	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.9	+7.4	+5.7
Sweden	6.9	6.1	5.5	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	-9.1	-17.1
Switzerland	4.2	3.9	3.2	.8	.8	.7	.7	.8	.8	---	-4.2
Denmark	11.1	11.3	10.6	2.7	2.4	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.1	-12.5	-9.1
United Kingdom	3.5	3.7	3.3	1.2	.8	.7	1.0	1.0	.7	-12.5	---
Austria	6.7	6.9	6.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	-22.2	-9.6
United States	11.3	13.0	9.7	2.3	2.8	2.0	3.0	2.9	2.4	-14.3	+7.8
Norway	2.1	3.1	3.3	.9	.7	.9	.7	.6	.5	-28.6	-25.0
Canada	3.9	4.8	4.1	.9	1.3	.9	1.0	.5	1.7	+30.8	---
Irish Republic	3.3	2.9	3.6	1.0	.8	.9	1.0	.9	1.1	+37.5	+7.1
Total	170.5	170.1	131.1	34.5	30.2	34.3	35.9	36.9	35.9	+18.9	+12.1
	Fabrics										
Exports											
Italy	117.0	124.9	107.3	34.3	33.7	24.1	21.4	35.3	1/26.3	---	---
United Kingdom	48.6	45.3	41.7	11.1	10.6	9.4	10.4	11.1	12.7	+19.8	+5.9
Belgium	15.2	15.4	11.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.2	-15.4	-6.1
Japan	27.0	24.1	25.2	6.0	7.0	6.1	6.5	7.2	8.7	+24.3	+17.3
Netherlands	13.0	13.2	11.4	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	-10.0	-8.0
France	13.0	16.7	16.6	4.3	4.3	4.8	2.9	3.9	4.6	+7.0	-3.4
West Germany	7.6	9.6	8.6	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.3	3.4	+36.0	+24.6
Switzerland	3.4	3.9	4.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	---	---
Austria	2.0	2.9	3.7	.9	.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	+44.4	+44.0
Total	246.8	256.0	229.7	65.8	65.7	54.2	51.5	67.1	76.0	+15.7	+10.9

1/ Total for 2 months. 2/ Total for 1 month. 3/ Not available, estimate included in total.

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